

Claim 34 is made independent by this Amendment, and claim 20 is made dependent on claim 19, thus maintaining the number of independent claims in the application.

In addition, Applicant has corrected grammatical errors detected in claims 14, 1-20, 24, 30, 34, 53, 37, and 41. The above amendments being fully supported in the application as originally filed, do not add new matter to the application. Applicant respectfully requests that the above amendments be entered in the subject application.

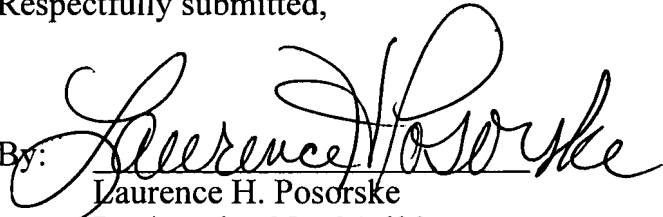
Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over two Japanese patent publications: JP 01/196,255, and JP 01/215,245. As indicated in the outstanding Office Action, this rejection is overcome by the present amendments. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

Applicant submits that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests prompt indication thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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